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King County veterinarian's license suspended due to anesthetic abuse

OLYMPIA — The Veterinary Board of Governors suspended the license of King County veterinarian Cathy Johnson-Delaney (VET.VT.00002784) after she was charged with abusing controlled and mind altering substances.

In June 2013, Johnson-Delaney was allegedly witnessed in her clinic's operating room wearing a mask used to administer an inhaled anesthetic. Charging documents say that Johnson-Delaney admitted that she inhaled sevoflurane and promised not to do it again.

Johnson-Delaney's veterinary credential was placed on probation for a similar incident in 2011.

She cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved, and she has 20 days to respond to the charges and ask for a hearing.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies of documents can be requested by calling 360-236-4700.

The number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Veterinary Board of Governors protects public health and safety and promotes the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under its authority.

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